



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and  
Elections

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE INTERN PROGRAM.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 2-81 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

3 There is created a Committee for Legislative Staff Internships which  
4 shall consist of six representatives appointed at the time of  
5 appointment of the joint standing committees of the General Assembly  
6 by the speaker of the House of Representatives, and six senators  
7 appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate to serve for the  
8 terms for which they were elected. Not more than one-half of the  
9 members of said committee from each house shall be members of the  
10 same political party. Members of said committee shall receive no  
11 compensation for their services as such but shall be reimbursed for  
12 necessary expenses in performance of their duties. [On and after  
13 January 1, 1981, the members of said committee shall elect from among  
14 their members] There shall be two cochairpersons, one of whom shall  
15 be a member of the Senate and one of whom shall be a member of the  
16 House of Representatives, each appointed by the applicable appointing

17 authority, provided the cochairpersons shall not be members of the  
 18 same political party and shall be from alternate parties in the  
 19 respective houses in each successive term. For purposes of this section,  
 20 "appointing authority" means the speaker or minority leader of the  
 21 House of Representatives and the president pro tempore or minority  
 22 leader of the Senate, as appropriate according to the respective house  
 23 and party of the member to be appointed.

24 Sec. 2. Section 2-82 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
 25 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

26 The agencies of the Legislative Department and the State Librarian  
 27 shall assist the committee on request. [and the committee shall appoint  
 28 a secretary from one of said agencies.] Said committee shall recruit,  
 29 select, supervise and appoint interns and assign them to [legislative  
 30 committees, legislative agencies or to] members of the General  
 31 Assembly to assist in the performance of their duties. Said committee  
 32 shall coordinate the legislative intern program with the public and  
 33 private institutions of higher education in Connecticut. Said committee  
 34 shall have the authority to make application for and receive grants  
 35 from any governmental agency and any charitable foundation. Said  
 36 committee shall have such other powers as may be necessary to carry  
 37 out the purposes of this chapter.

38 Sec. 3. Section 2-83 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
 39 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

40 Such interns shall be appointed for [nine to twelve-month terms] the  
 41 duration of the spring semester of such interns' institution of higher  
 42 education, and may continue to serve for the duration of the regular  
 43 session of the General Assembly or any subsequent special sessions of  
 44 the General Assembly. The committee shall (1) appoint a program  
 45 coordinator, (2) authorize the expenses of administration of the  
 46 program, and (3) pay at least one-half of the stipend awarded to such  
 47 interns, the remainder of such stipend to be paid out of appropriations  
 48 to the committee therefor.

49       Sec. 4. Section 2-84 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
50 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

51       Said committee shall give an oral report annually to each house of  
52 the General Assembly [on or before the second day of January of the  
53 odd-numbered years] concerning the operation of the internship  
54 program for the current regular session, at a time prior to the last day  
55 of such session.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	2-81
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	2-82
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	2-83
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	2-84

***GAE***       *Joint Favorable*